### RECENT RAINS HELP WHEAT CHOP PROSPECTS ARE IMPROVED BY

Mansas Reports Little Damage by Brought
—Outlook Improves in Nebraska, Though
Crop Will Be Below Normal—Good Reports Northwest -Corn in the Daketes.

WEATHER OF THE PAST WEEK.

WICHITA, Kan., June 10.-The wheat crop in this section has not been damaged by the drought to any great extent, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. Heavy rains fell in southern Kansas on Friday night and greatly helped the late wheat. Farmers are now cutting spring wheat and they say it will fall short about one-third of the average, making fifteen to eighteen bushels an acre. Ac cording to official State reports, the wheat crop will average about sixteen bushels to the acre in Kansas. It was thought at the beginning of the season that it would run twenty bushels, but almost continued dry weather until last week cut down this estimate. The weather has been very favorable to wheat since Friday. Cutting will comnence in less than one week.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 10. - The scattered rains during the past few days have tended to increase the chances of Nebraska's wheat crop reaching normal figures, but the actual benefit cannot be told as yet. The previous damage has been estimated by Government observers at from one-fourth to one-In the eastern and northern sections the wheat, winter and spring, will go beyond the normal, but the crop in the State as a whole will fall 10 per cent. below last year in spite of a 16 per cent. increase in

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 10. - Despite the unusual cold weather and frosts in some places, the crop outlook is excellent. In North and South Dakota, as well as in Minnesota, rains are reported, and but little damage by frost. Wheat is reported to be in fine condition throughout the entire Northwest. Corn has been injured slightly, as well as flax and potatoes. Farmers in Wisconsin are alarmed as the crops in that State asé at a standstill. In Manitoba the Cana-dian Pacific officials report all crops in good condition. The increase in acreage is about 10 per cent. The weather for a week throughout the entire Northwest has been cold, with

rains ever almost the entire area.

Mirchall, S. D., June 10.—The crop conditions are exceedingly encouraging. There have been two light frosts this week that have done a little damage to corn. The acreage in corn this season is much larger, and that of wheat is 20 per cent. smaller. This is due to the fact that this spring there was little corn in the country to feed stock that was ready for market and in several instances farmers had to ship corn here from the southern part of the State. Consequently, there was a change made in the planting of the two crops this spring, and the large number of cattle that been brought into the county made it more necessary than ever. The cattle interests have increased wonderfully this spring there are 25 per cent. more cattle being fed here pow than a year ago.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 10.-Until yesterday spring wheat has been greatly in need of rain: The weather has been cold and dry. retarding the growth of all crops. Heavy rains yesterday and to-day, followed by the het weather, promise better conditions. The temperature is now much higher and the outlook greatly improved, though the late spring has put the crop back at least two weeks. The acreage of wheat is rather below normal.

#### Big Crops Promised in the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Territory.

The weekly crop report of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company for June 6 and 7, reports by divisions, is as Hastings and Dakota-Wheat excellent.

weather cold but no damage from frost James River-Wheat favorable; corn increased acreage; weather has been too dry, but satisfactory; rains have come at last. South Minnesota-Wheat in excellent condition; corn looking well, but somewhat

Iowa and Dakota-Heavy rains on June 5 benefited all crops; there is good increase acreage throughout Dakota

Siony City and Dakota-Weather everywhere favorable; all conditions prevailing; corn crop is all planted; season somewhat

Iowa and Minnesota-Conditions good and weather favorable. Dubuque division makes a similar report. Wisconsin Valley -Seasor backward, but wheat looks well and corn

DesMoines-Weather too dry: crops fair at North, but poor in southern sections. Chicago and Council Bluffs-Little wheat grown in this division, but corn is in good condition, with weather favorable.

### Indiana to Have Fine Crops,

INDIANAPOLIS. June 10 - State Statisticiar Johnson says that there will be nearly 50 per cent more wheat in Indiana this year than last, according to present indications He says whole counties which last year had an almost total failure will show fine crops this season.

### WRAVY BLOW TO CHRISTIANITY.

#### Dutch Church's Missions Report Compares Boxer Outbreak to Roman Persecution. NEW BRUNSWICE, N. J., June 10 .- The

report of the Board of Foreign Missions which was read at this afternoon's session of the General Synod of the Dutch Rerformed Church in America refers to the Boxer outbreak in China as the heaviest blow Christianity has received since the Roman persecution. Continuing, the report says:

"Hollowing immediately upon this outbreak the tongue of detraction and slander, which seemed to have been silenced by the Ecumenical Conference, was again loosed, and from every quarter, missions and missionaries, their character, their methods and the results of their work were assailed with hostile criticism, sometimes ignorant, sometimes malicious. Upon them was laid the burden of responsibility for all this woe and wreek." which was read at this afternoop's session

#### WIFE, 16. AND ANOTHER YOUNG MAN. Busband Accused of Deserting Six-Weeks' Bride Produces a Photograph.

Heary Kunz, 21 years old, was arraigned before Magistrate Worth in the Gates avenue court in Brooklyn yesterday for the alabandonment of his sixteen-year-old wife. Edith F Kunz, to whom he was married eix weeks ago. Kunz showed a photograph in which Mrs. Kunz and a young man not her husband appeared in sailor costume. Mrs. Kunz admitted that the photograph was taken since her wedding. She explained that the young man in the picture, being about to go away for good, had given it to her as a on the adjournment of the hearing there was a scramble for the picture. Mrs. Kunz secured it and tore it up. Her husband picked up the pieces.

RIDGEWOOD, N. J., June 10 -Although the Methodists of this town will be the last of eight denominations that have erected houses of worship in this village, their structure will be the handsomest of all and the most expensive. The cost of the church, the cornerstone of which has just been laid, will, together with the parsonage, be over \$40,000. The auditorium will be circular, with a slanting floor, so that the preacher will be visible to every person in the room The organ will be back of the pulpit, but the organist and choir are at the side in a balcony. The lecture room and the Sunday school room will have several useful and attractive features. They are so arranged that they may form part of the auditorium, and in that way double its capacity. There will also be a parlor, dining room, kitchen, lavatories and an assembly room.

The parsonage will be connected with the church by a porte cochere Ridgewood was without a place of worship twenty-five years ago, when the Episcopalians moved ther little church down from Paramus into the f most expensive. The cost of the church

POUR KILLED BY PILIPINOS. to. Springer and Los and Two Men Fall

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MANILA, June 10.—Col. Kline of the Twenty-first Infantry reports that forty men who Satangas, were attacked by a band of rebels. Lieut, Springer, of the Twenty-first, Lieut. Walter Lee of the Engineers and two men were killed. Capt. Wilhelm was seriously and Lieut. Ramsay slightly wounded. Three men

were wounded WASHINGTON, June 10 .- The Lieut, Lee reported in press despatches to have been killed in an engagement with Filipinos is believed by War Department officials to be Second Lieut. Walter H. Lee of the Corps of Engineers and not Second Lieut. Fitzhugh Lee of the First Cavalry. Both of these young men went to the Philippines. Walter Lee was graduated from the Military Academy last February, and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. He arrived at Manila a April and was assigned for field duty with the Twenty-first Infantry, the regiment which participated in the engagement in which Lieut. Lee is reported to have been killed. Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., was formerly in the Twenty-first Infantry, but was assigned to the First Cavalry on Feb. 23, 1899. No Moial report of the engagement has been

### MEDIATION RUMOR REVIVED.

received by the War Department.

#### Germany and Helland Mentioned at The Hart as Ready to Act for the Boers.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, June 10 .- A despatch from The Hague says the permanent committee of the Court of Arbitration met on Saturday to discuss the Transvaal question. It was decided to offer mediation by Germany and olland between Great Britain and the South African countries, but no date was fixed for such a step. The chief point of the proposals will be the independence of the two

BERLIN. June 10.-The Foreign Office lenies the story from The Hague that Germany and Holland will mediate between Great Britain and the South African re-Despite the denial made by the Foreign

Office the idea that a proposal to mediate will be made persists in many quarters, where it is declared that although the denial may be justified for the time being the matter will shortly appear in a new phase. At present it is surrounded by a sort of mystery. The Rhenish Westphalian Gazette says t has received information from a friend of Mr. Kruger that Mrs. Botha's mission s to submit to the President of the Transval certain English proposals for peace, regarding which Mr. Krüger's advice is desired. Mr. Krüger has lately had frequent private conferences with Dr. Leyds and Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarens, the Boer delegates. His visit to The Hague is for the purpose of receiving Mrs. Botha, whose arrival he is anxiously awaiting.

AMSTERDAM, June 10 .- Mr. Krüger and Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Transvaal, have gone to The Hague to spend a few days with Mr. Wolmarans, one of the South African delegates to Europe and the United States.

#### GOVERNMENT LOOKS TO TRADERS. British Hold on the Yangtse Region Depends

on Them Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

LONDON, June 10 -- In the House of Commons o-day Viscount Cranborne, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Government had no information as to the reported cooperation of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company with the North German Lloyd Line for the establishment of a line of steamships on the Yangtse Kiang. In reply to a question as to whether the Government was taking steps to secure the present dominant commercial position of Great Britain in these rezions, Viscount Cranborne said:

"We must rely upon the enterprise and energy of our traders. The Government will lo all in its power to secure them a fair opportunity so far as our fiscal policy will permit. Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State or India, said Gen. Gaselee, commander of he British forces in India telegraphed on Saturday that the only information available in regard to the fracas at Tientsin was that he riot was originated by French soldiers, who resented the action of the British military police in closing a disorderly house

#### FIGHT AT CLOSE QUARTERS. British Have Eleven Killed or Wounded Out of Fifty Engaged.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at Cape Town CAPE Town, June 10 .- It is reported that force of Boers have occupied Labuschagne's Nek, near Dordrecht. A majority of the nvaders consist of rebels, many of whom

re of a very low type The Constabulary have had severe work n the neighborhood of Petrusberg attemptng to clear out the Brand and Hertzog commandes. In one affair eleven out of the fifty British engaged were either killed or wounded. The fighting was at such close

quarters that revolvers were used. It is reported that Gen. De Wet with about .000 men has occupied a position in the Gatsrand Hills, south of the Krugersdorp-Potch efstroom Railway.

#### REVOLT AGAINST THE MANCHUS. Robels Assemble Near Hechien and Surround ing Villages Have Been Taken.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at Pekin. PERIN, June 10 .- A messenger who has ust arrived from the southern part of the Province of Chill reports that more than .000 rebels have assembled near Hochien Their banners exalt the Chinese who are irged to destroy the Manchus. The sur counding villages have been occupied and looting is proceeding.

### Kitchener's Report of Boer Casualties.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, June 10 .- Lord Kitchener reports the number of Boers killed, taken prisoners surrendered during the month of May at 2.840. From June 1 to June 9 the killed numbered 26, the wounded 4, the prisoners taken 409, and 3; surrendered. Six hundred and fifty-one rifles, 115,550 rounds of small ammunition, 120 wagons and 4,000 horses were

### British Duties on Molasses.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, June 10 .- In the House of Com ons to-day Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, proposed an alter-ation in certain duties under the new war follows: On molasses which cannot be tested by the polariscope and containing 70 per cent. or more of sweetening matter, 28. 9d. per cwt; containing less than 70 per ent and not more than 50 per cent. 2s. per cwt : containing not more than 50 per cent is : on solid glucose, 2s. 9d. per owt, and on liquid glucose, 2s

### No Steps Toward Newfoundland Treaty.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON. June 10 .- Viscount Cranborne Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Government was unaware of any negotiations between Newfoundland and the United states with a view of renewing the Bond-Blaine convention or the signing of a similar

treaty. Very Low Excursion Rates to Denver, Colorado Springs, Ogden, Salt Lake, Deadwood and other Western points will be made during June and July by the Chicago and North-Western Railway, The Ploneer Line. Full information at North-Western Line Office, 461 Broadway, New York.—Adv.

## \$180,000, PLEASE, KESSLER. LONDON STOCK REGERS SUE NEW YORK WINE AGENT.

Says They Sold Him Out Blegally After the May Panie and Between Settling Days and Beally Owe Him a Quarter of a Million. Suit was brought yesterday in the United Circuit Court here by Crews, Lichten stedt & Co., a stock brokerage firm of London to compel George A. Kessier, the wine agent of this city, who has had Harry Lehr in his mploy, to pay them \$182,509.69, which they liege is a balance due them on transactions carried on by them on the London Stock Exchange, at Kessler's order, between March 4 and May 21 last. The complainants allege that they purchased for Kessler at various times 5,000 New York, Ontario and Western; 10,850 St. Paul; 12,500 Union Pacific and 500 De Beers Consolidated Mining Company for £608,492 (including commissions), and sold them at Essier's order for £061,170. As seen from the record of their transactions the losses were chiefly on Union Pacific and St.

Edward Lauterbach of the firm of Hoadly, Lauterbach & Johnson, counsel for Kessler, said last night that his client didn't owe the London brokers a cent and that he was going to bring a counter suit for \$250,000 or there-abouts, which would have been the amount of his profits on his speculation if he had not

"The stock was not sold out at a loss in occordance with Mr. Kessler's orders," said Mr. Lauterbach, "but in spite of his orders, and contrary to the agreement that Crews, Lichtenstedt & Co. had made to carry his transactions along until the London settling day on May 31. Mr. Kessler gave no orders to sell anything after May 13, and everything that was sold after that date was sold contrary to law and to the rules of the London Exchange.

"Mr. Kessler had paid all his commissions. He was not called on for any margins. The amount he lost by being prematurely and illegally sold out was more than enough to satisfy all his brokers' demands and leave him a net profit of more than a quarter of a million."

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Mr. Kessler said for himself that he began trading with Crews, Lichtenstedt & Co. about three months ago, because of the solicitation of J. P. Rosenberg, their New York agent.

"I have been perfectly willing," he added, "to make good all of my obligations and have done so. As a matter of fact, I sent the London brokers \$10,000 on the fortnightly settling day prior to May 9 to make good a loss I had sustained in the two weeks ending on that day. Any damage which my account may have sustained on May 9 (the panic day) was more than made up on May 13. I had then about 16,000 shares of St. Paul and Union Pacific. They were selling on that day at 172 and 117 respectively. I had bought them for 150 and 102. The profits showing on those two stocks placed against my other stocks, then selling for less than what I had paid for them, made the balance in my favor about \$30,000 on May 13. There was no reason for their selling me out as they did, between that date and May 21. They were bound to carry me until May 31. I was perfectly willing to send them more money in the interval, but was not required to by the rules and was advised not oby my friends in New York because of the shaky condition of things in general just then on account of the Northern Pacific Corner.

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According to Alexander Blumenstiel, of Blumenstiel & Hirsch, counsel for the plaintiffs, Mr. Kessler had great luck at the beginning of his trading through the London firm and pyramided his profits.

"He was \$200,000 ahead," said Mr. Blummenstiel, "just before the panic. Up to that time he had made only one cash settlement of about \$10,000 due us on the early trading. After the panic our clients were obliged to close out his account. It was done a little at a time and the sales were spread over six days. He was asked several times to make good some of his losses, but the demands were not met."

#### M'LAURIN AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Discusses With the President Plans for the Charleston Exposition.

WASHINGTON, June 10 - Senator McLaurin South Carolina called on the President today and spent some time in discussing plans for the Cotton States' Exposition, to be held at Charleston. At a meeting of the Cabinet at Charleston. At a meeting of the Cabinet several weeks ago it was decided that a part of the Government exhibit now being displayed at Buffalo should be sent to Charleston after the close of the Pan-American Exposition Mr. McLaurin now wishes to secure some of the exhibits from Cuba and Porto Rico now at the Pan-American, and Secretary Gage will endeavor to further the Senator's effort.

Mr. McLaurin said he preferred not t Mr. McLaurin said he preferred not to enter into an extended discussion of political affairs in South Carolina at present. His colleague, Mr. Tillman, had denounced him with vulgar epithets, he said, and these epithets seemed to form the sum total of the senior Senator's arguments. As for his own position, he should stand by it, he declared, believing it to represent ideas heat calculated to upbuild the commercial and other interests of his State.

#### AMERICAN AGENT A SUICIDE. Louis Stern. Our Commercial Representative. Kills Himself at Bamberg.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, June 10 .- Louis Stern, who re cently resigned the post of United States commercial agent at Bamberg, has comnitted suicide at that place.

### Moorish Ambassador Received by Edward.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, June 10.-Kaid El Mehedi el enebhi, the special ambassador from Morocco to Great Britain, was received by King Edward and Queen Alexandra to-day. formal presentation address was read. The ceremony occupied twenty minutes.

\$250 Fine Imposed on a Fake Museum Man. "Dr." Henry Jaeger was fined \$250 in Special Sessions yesterday morning on conviction of exhibiting indecent wax figures to boys in his so-called museum of anatomy, at 41 Park row. In default he will serve three months in the penitentiary. In the case of Eliis Karns, an employee in the place, sentence was suspended. The "museum" was opened on May 31 and was raided on June 5 by Anthony Comstock and Capt. Vredenburgh.

### A Crew for the Bailey.

The new torpedo boat Bailey was put in commission yesterday at the navy yard in Brooklyn. The crew, consisting of Lieut. Williams, commanding, and twenty men, were brought from Newport on Sunday on the tug Leyden. The Bailey will probaby have her final trip off the New England coast in a few days.

### Died at the Age of 105.

FORT PLAIN, N. Y., June 10 .- Mrs. Christina Lettis, Canajoharie, is dead. She was born in Troy in October, 1796. Her health and faculties were good until recently, when she

### The Weather.

The area of high pressure still covered the Lake regions, Middle and South Atlantic States yesterday. where the weather remained fair. The pressure was low over New England, with cloudiness and shower on the coast of Maine. There was a general depres ion covering all the country west of the Mississippi acept on the North Pacific Coast; cloudy and shower; enditions prevailed in Missouri, Iowa, Minneso Wisconsin, Nebraska and the Dakotas. It was slightly warmer in all districts, except in the extrem Northwest. There is no indication yet of a warm

In this city the day was fair and slightly warmer; average humidity, 52 per cent.; wind, fresh to brisk northwest; harometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30, 15; 3 P. M., 30, 11. The temperature as recorded by the official thermometer, and also by THE SUN'S thermometer at the treet level, is shown in the annexed table;

- Official Sun's Official Sun's 1101, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900 WASHINGTON POREGAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW. For New England and eastern New York, fair

o-day and to-morrow, except showers in north portion; ight sartable winds shifting to southwest. For the District of Columbia, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, fair and warmer to-day and to-morrow; light south winds. For western New York, increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day; partly cloudy to-morrow, with show-ers near the Lakes: Boht to fresh south winds.

MRS. M'MINLEY STILL GAINING. For the Fourth Day Her Physicians No

WASHINGTON, June 10.—For the fourth consecutive day the physicians of Mrs. McKinley this morning reported an improvement in her condition. The three physicians visited her as usual at 10 o'clock and

cians visited her as usual at 10 o'clock and were in consultation for an hour. At 11 o'clock this efficial bulletin was issued:

"Mrs. McKinley's physicians report that her condition is 'avorable and that she continues to show a gradual improvement."

The President went out for a walk in the grounds south of the White House between 11 and 120-100. k. He expressed the most cheerful view of Mrs. McKinley's condition and said he felt more confident now that she was on the road to complete recovery.

Late this afternoon the President notified all members of the Cabinet by telephone that Mrs. McKinley was decidedly better, and added that he felt more encouragement than at any time since leaving San Francisco. Some of the official family to-night suggested that the Cabinet should go to the White House in a body and make a social call on the President to assure him of their gratification at the favorable turn which Mrs. McKinley's illness had taken. Accordingly, between 8 and 9 o'clock all the members, except Secretaries Hay and Root, who are out of town, called on the President and expressed the hope that the improvement may continue. may continue.

The President spoke of his plans for the summer in view of Mrs. McKinley's state of health, and it is his hope that she will be able very soon to go to Canton, Ohio. At the earliest moment when the physicians believe that Mrs. McKinley can travel in perfect safety the President will accompany her to their old home in Ohio and spend the greater part of the summer there.

OFFICERS FOR THE PORTO RICANS.

Commissions in the Provisional Regiment

Signed by the President To-day. WASHINGTON, June 10 .- The following com missions were signed by the President to-day for the Porto Rico provisional regiment:

To be Lieutenant-Colonel, James A. Buchanan. To be Majors-William E. Almy, Eben

To be Captains - Louis E. Bennett, Christian Briand, William P. Butler, Charles H. Hamilton Osman Latrobe, Thomas F. Maginnis, James T. Ord, Allen D. Raymond.

To be First Lieutenants—William W. Ballard, Jr., William W. Bessell, Harry L. Cooper, Morris E. Locke, Walter F. Martin, Blas Nadall, John O. Steger, A. Owen Seaman, Orval P. Townshend, Jacob E. Wyke.

To be Second Lieutenants—George C. Broom, Terrence Hamill, Charles B. Keaney, Jean S. Oakes, Eben Swift, Jr., Paul Wuttke, To be Assistant Surgeon, with the rank of Captain—José Lugo Vina.

To be Second Lieutenants of Cavalry—Bugene J. Ely, Clarence Lininger, Howard C. Tatum.

To be Second Lieutenants of Infantry—To be Second Lieutenants of Infantry—To be Second Lieutenants of Infantry—To be Second Lieutenants of Infantry— Briand, William P. Butler, Charles H. Hamilton

Tatum.
To be Second Lieutenants of Infantry—David A. Henkes, Edward K. Massee, Shelby C. Leasure, Pat M. Stevens, William Little, To be Second Lieutenants in the Artillery Corps—Hartman L. Butler, Prank T. Thorn-Corps—Hartman L. Butler, Frank T. Thorn-ton, John R. Musgrove To be Surgeon of Volunteers with the rank of Major—Frank E. Ardaud,

#### USE OF THE MAILS DENIED THEM.

Frand Orders Against the Bess Remedy Co. and the Century Medicine Co. of This City. WASHINGTON, June 10.-The Post Office Department to-day issued fraud orders denying the use of the mails to the Bess Remedy Company of 26 Beekman street, and the Century Medicine Company of 10 Spruce street, New York. The schemes operated by the two companies were identi The initial step was the publication of an advertisement containing a so-called "geographical puzzle," with the offer that 100 would be divided among those sending in correct solutions. As the puzzle was extremely simple many answers were received. A "congratulatory" letter was then sent, enclosing a "certificate of awards," and saying that it was necessary to return 50 cents to the company for a certain remedy in order to participate in the distribution of prizes.

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Later the patrons of the company were advised that, as 8,976 correct solutions had been received, each successful contestant would receive three cents. The three cents was not sent, however, "because," as the company explained in a letter to a disappointed patron, "we want to give you an opportunity to get a gift of a fine, solid gold ring, set with a genuine diamond." The letter then said that the ring could only be obtained by selling a certain amount of the remedies manufactured by the company.

### Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, June 10 .- The cruiser Philadelphia has arrived at San Francisco, the gunten at Gibara, the gunboat Siou and the tender Potomac at Portsmouth, N. H the training ship Monongahela at Hampton Roads, the despatch boat Sylph at Washingon, the station ship Mayflower at Carupano. Venezuela, the gunnery ship Peoria at Boston, the battleship Illinois and the training ship Essex at Boston, and the training ship bixe at Rio de Janeiro.

The gunboats Newport and Hist have sailed from Newport for Boston, the armored cruiser Brooklyn (Rear Admiral Remey's flagship) from Welllington. New Zealand, for Sydney, New South Wales; the cruiser New Orleans from Chefoo for Chemulpo, Corea; the gunboat Concord from Yokohama for Unalaska, Alaska, and the gunboat Alvarado and submarine boat Holland from Annapolis for Delaware City.

Rear Admiral Rodgers reports by telegraph from Cavité that the gunboats DonJuan de Austria and Mariveles have arrived there, and the gunboat Frolic has left for Samar to convey the gunboat Mindaro to Cavité. Venezuela, the gunnery ship Peoria at Bos-

#### First Batch of Engineer Officers of the Navy to Be Transferred to the Line.

WASHINGTON, June 10 .- The first batch of examination papers of former engineer officers of the navy, who were examined for transfer to the line, was approved by the Secretary of the Navy to-day and they will be commissioned in the line grades in which they are now serving. The Naval Personnel law of March 3, 1899, gave eng ner officers of certain terms of service two eer officers of certain terms of service two years within which to fit themselves for line duties, and those whose cases were acted on to-day are the first to qualify. They are Lieuts H. W. Jones, W. W. Bush, A. L. Haisted and D. E. Dismukes, and Junior Lieuts, F. N. Freeman, Emery Winship, J. P. J. Ryan, E. R. Pollock, J. M. Resves, L. F. James, H. J. Cone, J. R. Brady and E. S. Kellogg. The papers of the other officers concerned are being examined as rapidly as possible.

#### Capt. Reber Appointed Military Secretary to Gen. Miles.

WASHINGTON, June 10 -Capt. Samuel Reber of the Signal Corps has been appointed Military Secretary to Lieut. Gen. Miles. with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, to suceed the late Lieut Col. Francis Michler Major M. P. Maus of the Second Infantr has been appointed aide de camp to Gen. has been appointed and de camp to Gen.
Miles w th the rank of Lieutenant-Colone,
to succeed Lieut. Col H. K. Balley (Captain
Fifth Infantry) appointed Inspector-General
of Volunteers. Lieut. Col Maus was an
aide on the staff of Gen. Miles up to May
1898, when he was appointed an InspectorGeneral of Volunteers.

### Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, June 10.-These army orders have een issued: First Lieut. Hugh A. Drum, Twelfth Infantry, upon the expiration of lease of absence will proceed to Platta burg Barracks for duty with the Twenty-Seventh leaster. burg Barracan Infantry. The following named commissaries are honorably discharged from the Volunteer service only: Theodore B. Hacker, Samuel B. Bootes and Frederick H. Pom-First Lieut. Percy M. Ashburn, assistant surgeon upon arriving at San Francisco will proceed to For Sheridan. upon arriving at San Francisco will proceed to Fort Sheridan.

The following named officers now on duty at the Military Academy will proceed to the posts designated for duty: Capt. Wirt Robinson, Artillery Corps. Fort McPherson, with Twenty-seventh Infantry. Capt. Girard Sturtevant, Firth Infantry. Platisburg Barracks, with Twenty-seventh Infantry. The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Medical Department are ordered. Capt. Francis A. Winter, assistant surgeon, from Fort Sheridan to Jefferson Barracks, relieving Major Marshall Wood, surgeon, who will proceed to St. Louts and assume charge medical supply depot to relieve Lieut. Col. Joseph B. Girard, Deputy Surgeon General: Lieut. Col. Girard to Vancouver Barracks for duty as callef surgeon of the Department of the Columbia.

First Lieut. Chase Doster, to the Twenty-first Infantry.

These naval orders have been lasued: C. S. Williams, to torpedo station for in Eleutenant-Commander S. Cook, to home and walt orders.
Ensign T. A. Kearney, to the Independence.
Assistant Surgeon J. F. Murphy, to the Naval cademy.

Joseph F. MacGrail, appointed chaplain.

Joseph Assistant Paymaner Hart, to the Ceitie.

WANT TO PUT RIDDER OUT. SOME OF THE ANTI-TAMMANY CON PEREES WEARY OF BIM.

Outery That Platt Controls the Confe eace Especially Distasteful to the Greater New York Democracy, Who Don't Profess Entirely to Understand His Motives It was asserted last evening that there

was a strong disposition on the part of many of the men who are prominent in the antithe conferees and withdraw the invitation which it was decided at last Friday's meeting to extend to the German-American Re-

Ever since the meeting of the conferees Herman Ridder, chief spokesman of the German organization, has been attacking the motives of the men who composed the conference. He has declared that it was dominated by professional "politicians," it did. The assertion was made by Mr. Ridder that the conference was controlled in the interests of John D. Crimmins by the friends of United States Senator Thomas C. Platt. This was not true and has been de-nied by all the men who took part in the meetings.

It was decided by the conference to give to the organization Mr. Ridder represents tung, of which Mr. Ridder is the publisher, has attacked this apportionment of the dele-gates, and asserts that the allotment is unfair and unjust. Mr. Ridder's paper also declares that the original conferees were

gates, and asserts that the allotment is unfair and unjust. Mr. Ridder's paper also declares that the original conferees were self-constituted, and have no right to dictate to other organizations.

Mf. Ridder said yesterday that he did not intend to make any personal attack upon Mr. Crimmins:

"All that I wish to do," he said. " is to point out that there were a large number of citizens who would not support for office on lan anti-Tammany ticket a man who has had such close relations with Tammany as Mr. Crimmins. In fact, I believe that no man who has had relations as a contractor with Tammany Hall would make a strong chadidate for the anti-Tammany forces."

The movement for the withdrawal of the invitation to take part in the preliminary meetings of the conference committees originated with the Greater New York Demooracy, in which the Hon. E. Ellery Anderson, the Hon. Sastus S. Ransom and the Hon. John C. Sheehan are prominent. This organization intends net only to take a part in the municipal campaign, but also to participate in State campaigns, and, if possible, to wrest the control of the party in the State from Tamminy Hall and Richard Croker. Its leaders do not want to have people believe that they are controlled by Benator Platt, because if such a belief were to become general they would find it impossible to interest Democrats in their plans.

How strong the feeling is among the other organizations it is immossible to say. The members of the Citizens Union have contended from the beginning that it would be necessary to have the German-American vote in order to win. They do not know how far this vote is controlled by Mr. Ridder should seem so anxious to create discord in the anti-Tammany ranks, while at the same time, they cannot understand why Mr. Ridder should seem so anxious to reate discord in the anti-Tammany conference do not

#### HAS CLARK BEEN PARDONED? Denial of the Report That Montgomery County Pormer Treasurer Has Been Released.

FORT PLAIN, N. V. June 10 .- The report published in Syracuse, Albany and Amsteriam newspapers, that William Clark would pe released from Dannemora Prison to-day on a pardon issued by Gov. Odell, caused much surprise here, Clark's home. Inquiry among Clark's closest friends and of District Attorney Kelsey justifies the statement that the report is wrong. Application for Clark's as yet Gov. Odell has not acted.

Clark was formerly Treasurer of Mont gomery county, and in his second term was sentenced to four years' isonment at Dannemora for embezzlement Commutation cuts off a year, and without a pardon he would he released on the 21st of this month recent special term of the Supreme Court for recent special term of the Supreme Court for this county, Justice Houghton presiding, application for the dismissal of four indictments was made by Judge Borst, who was Clark's attorney. At the time the case was brought before the Grand Jury five indictments were returned against Clark, all of which were substantially the same at to the allegations, several of them containing the same charges as the one on which he was arraigned.

The reason that five bills were found was for the protection of the people, so that in case some technicality had been found in the one indictment he might have been arraigned on the others. The then District Attorney, L. F. Fish, agreed at the time of the arraignment of the prisoner that in case he pleaded guilty to the one indictment the others would not be pressed against him District Attorney Kelsey appeared at the Special Term and announced that under the circumstances his office would not oppose the application, as in all probability it would be impossible to convict Clark should he stand trial on another indictment. Accordingly, Justice Houghton granted the order dismissing the remaining indictments.

At the time the application was made for the pardon the application was made for the pardon the application. But Gov. Odell said that such a step was unnecessary, as even if the full term were completed it would be an easy matter to restere Clark to citizenship. this county, Justice Houghton presiding, ap-

Rev. Mr. Knapp Returns to His Old Flock. The Rev. Edward Everett Knapp has ac cepted the call to the vacant pulpit of the Central Baptist Church in Adelphi street Brooklyn, as the successor of the Rev. Albert Bacon Stears, who recently became pastor of a church at Arlington, N. J. The Rev. Mr. Knapp was pastor of the Central Church in Bridge street when it was consolidated with the Centenniai Church in Adelphi street tive years ago, and has since been engaged in evangelical work.

### Tunnel Explosion Mashes Flat Cornice.

An explosion in the Rapid Transit tunnel it 104th street and Central Park West early vesterday morning shook off a piece of the cornice of the roof of the flathouse at 8 West 04th street and broke several windows in the neighborhood. No one was hurt, but lots of people were frightened. The sub-contractor's foreman thought a stick of dy-namite had exploded. He couldn't explain how this happened.

### Threat to Kidnap a Lawyer's Son.

BUFFALO, June 10 .- W. Harris Day. vealthy lawyer of Batavia and father of Miss Day, who recently was graduated from the Buffalo Law School, has received a letter directing him to put ten five-dellar notes under a fence in a certain place or his youngest son, Harry, would be kidnapped. Mr. Day was unable to obtain any clue regarding the sender of the letter and consulted with the authorities. He has not complied with the requirement.

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Months of study and care have been expended in the preparation of our outing garments. Ready to wear now.

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TO BUILD BIG SHIPYARDS? Lowis Nixon Said to Have Bought 1,000 Acres

ELISABETE, N. J., June 16.-It is said here that Lewis Nixon of the Crescent Shipyards at Elizabethport, has purchased on the shore of Staten Island Sound 1,000 acres of land for the ship-building syndicate recently or-ganized. The purchase includes the Candee and Sawyer properties, running from Wood-bridge to the sound. The average price paid for the land, it is said, was \$2,500 an acre. The purchase includes many small farms near the Central Railroad tracks. The tracks, it is said, will be moved west a half mile to make room for the new shipyards. When the plant is established it will be the largest in the United States. A depth of thirty feet of water can be had at this point which is five miles south of Elizabeth. Four thousand hands will be employed.

#### BISHOP TALKS TO ACTORS.

And a Poem He Wrote Is Sung at the Actors

Church Alliance Meeting.

Theatrical people and church folk mingled at the annual meeting of the Actors' Church Alliance at the Berkeley Lyceum last night Bishop Potter who has been President of the alliance since its inception two years ago and was reelected last night, presided at the meeting. The report of the Secretary, illiance has now 1,576 members, an increase of 873 during the past year. Of these 762 are clergymon, including thirty rabbis, all of whom act as chaplains.

Among the communications read was a etter from Clara Morris, in which she expressed herself as being heart and soul in the work of the Alliance, which has as its object the bringing of the Church and stage into closer relations for the benefit of both. In his annual address Bishop Potter said that the Alliance had now reached a very

critical period. "It is like a child when it first gets on its feet," said he, "and the problem is where should its feet be turned. The Alliance began in the presence of suspicion and not a little ridicule. It has won success. I think

little ridicule. It has won success. I think that the time has come for the dramatic profession to take hold of it in a more aggressive way.

"It would be a great step forward if the men of influence on the stage would band themselves together and declare that no matter what others did they would not take part in any representation that an honest mind would declare unworthy. I believe there is a sentiment behind your work that should make this easy."

One of the features of the meeting was an original poem by Bishop Potter, set to music and sung by the quartet of the alumni of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. The poem, Bishop Potter explained, had been written some time ago, but it had never heen published or used in any way before. It was entitled "The Flag of Our Country." The first stanza is as follows:

Obanner blazoned in the sky, fiing our your royal red,

O banner biazoned in the sky, fling our your royal red, Each deeper hue of crimson dye won by our sainted dead.
Flag of Our Country, your colors we hall. Flag of Our Country, may your beauty ne'er pale. Renowned in peace, victorious in war, All Hail, all hall the Flag of Our Country.

Canon Knowles, Rabbi Silverman, "Aunt" Louisa Eldridge and others made short ad-dresses.

#### PLAZA CLUB'S INTERNAL DISCORD. Resignation of the President of the County Committee Accepted.

The Plaza Republican Club voted last evening to accept the resignation of President Robert Clark Morris of the Republican County Committee, Alexander T. Mason, the district leader: John Wesley Jacobus, Mr. Mason's right-hand man, and James Yereance, one of the collateral inheritance tax appraisers of the collateral inheritance tax appraisers. In accepting the resignations the members of the club adopted a resolution expressing regret. This was a mere formality. As a matter of fact, several members of the club said after the meeting that they were glad Mr. Morris and his friends had got out. Their objection to President Morris is that he has exerted his influence in the Twentyninth district to strengthen the hands of the district leader. Alexander T. Mason, who succeeded Frank Bulkley as leader in 1899. Mr. Bulkley is a prominent member of the Plaza club and will run for the leadership again. again
All the members of the club united in saying
last night that they were organization men,
and that their fights would be carried out to
a finish within the organization.

#### RECKLESS CHAUFFEUR ARRESTED Folks Up in Harlem Alleged That His Machine

Endangered Pedestrians. Police Commissioner Murphy received complaint a few days ago from residents of streets, against an automobile which, the complainants alleged, was run up and down complainants alleged, was run up and down the avenue nightly by some man who didn't appear to care a rap whether he ran down pedestrians or not. The complaint was turned over to the sergeant in command of the bicycle squad and last evening Roundsman Cabill and Patrolman Banft took a ride up Manhattan avenue and nabbed automobile and chauffeur near 110th street. He was taken to the West 100th street station, where he said he was George Usfet of 1284 Columbus avenue. A friend balled him out.

#### MOSHER MURDER TRIAL BEGUN. Edward Graffam the Accused-Mother of the

PORTLAND, Me. June 10 -The trial of Edward Graffam of Hopedale, Mass , charged with the murder of Clifford Mosher, a young farmer of Gorham, who was killed in defending his home against burglars, was begun in the Cumberland County Superior Court today.

Mrs. Mosher, mother of the murdered man, was on the witness stand an hour. She told the story of the murder and repeated the prayer she offered when the negro threatened her life. The trial is expected to occupy the full week.
"Bill" Hands, the negro, will take the stand
against his accomplice to-morrow.

#### PAYS HEALTH BOARD TO KEEP AWAY Jersey City Man Will Give 8600 to Induce It

Not to Become His Neighbor. Thomas Hill of & Mercer street, Jersey City, offered yesterday to pay \$600 to Dr. John D. McGill, President of the Board of Health, on condition that the board will not move its office from the City Hall to 2 Mercer meve its office from the City Hall to 2 Mercer street, adjoining Mr. Hill's house. He stipulated that the money should be given to Mrs. Nancy A. Park, from whom Dr. McGill agreed to lease the house for a year. Mr. Hill said he feared that the health of his wife would be endangered by having the health authorites for neighbors. His offer will be accepted. The city officials induced the Board of Health to move out of the City Hall because they didn't like the idea of having smallpox patients visit the office to see what ailed them.

#### TO ATTACK TENEMENT LAW. Young Lawyer Invites Property Owners to Re

tain Him to Smash the Measure. Daniel E. Lynch, a young lawyer with an office at 346 Broadway, has sent out a circular to a large number of property owners asking to a large number of property owners asking them to cooperate in raising a fund for the repeal of certain provisions of the Tenement House law which are inconvenient to tenement house owners. The circular asks the house owners to contract to pay Lynch \$100. "in case the said law, or either of sections 34 or 79 thereof shall be set aside, modified or repealed." In an interview yesterday Mr. Lynch was queted as frankly stating that the purpose of the fund was to influence legislation. He said so far that he had received 116 contracts.

### JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

"Believer in St. Anthony" sends THE SUN 34 for John Sopocap, now in Hudson street hospital, the laborer who crushed his foot by letting a slab of stone fall on it from sheer weakness. He had just got a job on the Subway after being long out of work. Justice Blanchard has appointed Alexander Bremer receiver of the assets of the firm of F. Klingman & Co. builders, who had an office at 1133 Broadway, in a suit brought by W. E. Schlingen, one of the partners, against Frederick Klingman, the other partner, for a dissolution of the partnership and an accounting.

Coroner's Physician Higgins found yesterday on making an autopsy on the body of Michael O'Nelli of 302 East Twenty-ninth street, who died in Bellevue Hospital of injuries received in a scuffle with John McCaffrey, a fellow workman, that death was due to meningitis due to a fractured skull. McCaffrey is under arrest.

Tuesday, June 11th. Sale of

Muslin Underwear, Silk Skirts and Shirt Waists.

Night Gowns, Skirts

and Chemises. 98c., \$1.25, \$1.95. Drawers, 500., 750., 980., \$1.25.

Corset Covers, 75c., 98c., \$1.25.

Odd pieces in Night Gowns and Skirts at reduced prices. Negligées,

in colored and white lawn and dimity, in various styles, \$3.95 to \$5.50.

Dressing Sacques,

#### in same material, trimmed with lace, \$3.95. Silk Skirts,

in colored, black and white and black taffeta,

\$5.85, value \$8.75. Odd Skirts (in a variety of styles and colors), at

\$8.75, very much reduced. Shirt Waists.

white lawn, trimmed with Hamburg insertions or hemstitching, \$1.25 & \$1.50. In black and white and blue

in fancy white material and

98c. Lord & Taylor,
Broadway & 20th St.

and white striped madras,

WOMAN FRETS FOR VON BERGER. Tries to See Him in Jail-He's a Matrimonia

Advertiser.

Dr. Franz von Berger, arrested on the cem plaint of Sir Percy Sanderson, the British Consul-General, was held yesterday without bail by United States Commissioner Alexander pending an examination on Wednesday. The complaint charges him with the theft of a check for £543 from Helene Cryds whom he had met at her home in Flushing. Holland, by appointment last December. she having answered a matrimonial advertisement published by him. They went together to London, where he took her to a large building which he called the Registrars Office, and where in the presence of several witnesses what she supposed was a wedding ceremony was performed. For three or four months after the wedding they lived together in Doughty street. Holborn. Yon Berger told the woman that he as a Harvard professor on leave of absence. His salary was slow in coming and he took all her money and jewels; promising to repay her as soon as ife got the money from America. Early in April "Mrs. Yon Berger" wrote to her brother in Flushing and he sent her a check for £545 on the Deutsche Bank. She hid the check. One day her husband and the check disappeared and investigations showed that the check had been cashed at the bank by a man answering his description.

Von Berger came to this country on the Oceanic, landing on April 16. He lived for some time at the Waldorf-Astoria and later at a boarding house in Madison avenue. When arrested at the Grand Central Station he was with a woman with whom he is said to have been spending a few days at West Point. She is a widow who lives in a house of her own on the West Bide near Riverside drive, and Yon Berger met her, it is said, through a matrimonial agency.

She called at the office of United States Murshal Henkel yesterday afternoon and asked for a pass to visit Yon Berger in Ludlow Street Jail but her request was refused.

CLEVELAND, June 10.—Under the name Dr. Egon E. Borges. Yon Berger is wanted in Cleveland. Eleven years ago he was an instructor in the Jewish Orphan Asylum in this city. On Sept 6, 1890, a warrant for his arrest was sworn out by C. W. Burrows charging him with obtaining under false pretences a writing desk, a pair of costly opera glasses and other articles.

Mether and Child Drowned. she having answered a matrimonial advertisement published by him. They went to-

#### Mother and Child Drowned. Mrs. Catharine Dodd and her six-year-old daughter left their home at 156 118th street on May 31 to visit friends. They failed to return, and Mrs. Dodd's body was found at the foot of Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, last week. Yesterday the body of the child was washed ashore at the foot of Forty-fifth street.

Even Harder Than a Prize Fighter. A newspaper man is subject to trials and ribulations the same as ordinary mortals Coffee "slugs" a great many of them. D. Beidleman, on the Wilkes Barre Record. says regarding his experience with coffee. A little over two years ago I was on the verge of collapse superinduced by the steady grind

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of the newspaper office. For weeks I did not have a night's sound sleep and the wakeful nights were followed by despondency and a general breaking up of the constitution. I ran down in weight. My family physician industed that I leave off coffee and take on Postum Food Coffee, but I would not hear to it.

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One day I was served with a cup of coffee, as I supposed, that had a peculiarly delicious flavor. I relished it, and when drinking the second cup I was told that it was not coffee, but Postum Food Coffee. I was dumfounded, and for a time thought I was the subject of a practical joke However, I became a firm believer in, and a user of Postum from that time, and almost immediately I began to sleep nights and the irritableness disappeared, and in less than three months I was completely well and in seven months my weight increased up to 198 pounds. I can now do the work of two ordinary newspaper men.

There is a great big lot of common sense ta leaving off coffee and using Postum Food Coffee.—Adv.